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## Provo job market still tight, despite gains

By LEAH ELISON

Iking, sleeping in and socializing all sound some people, but after six months of looking for a job, Ryan Frederickson is ready to

"akes me angry, you know," said Frederickson, a former BYU student who graduated in April with a degree in graphic design. "I went to four local school and did all of this work in a really program, and I have had no placement."

National statistics do not offer much hope; the Department of Labor reported May 2 that unemployment had risen to 6 percent since March, while the number of jobs had decreased by 48,000.

Utah's unemployment rate of 5.3 percent is lower than the nation's rate and lower than in March, according to the Utah Department of Workforce

Development, but the number of jobs decreased by 0.3

In the Provo/Orem area, unemployment has remained between March and April since 1993, according to the Department of Labor, but statistics have not yet been calculated.

A lot of things happened in the first quarter of the year to affect rates," said Jim Robson, a regional economist for DWS. "Any change from one month to the next does not give you a good feel for what is happening."

Long-term statistics show an increase in unemployment over the past decade, but a slight decrease in the past year.

From 1994 to 2000, unemployment in Utah stayed between 2 percent and 4 percent, significantly lower than current rates.

Although unemployment has dropped 1 percent since April 2003, Robson said rates have been

fluctuating between 5.3 percent and 5.8 percent over the past six months without showing any consistent improvement.

"If it maintains itself and stays down for a month or two more, it would be more of an indication of where employment really is," he said.

David Dickinson, an assistant professor of economics at Utah State University, said sometimes unemployment statistics are misleading because unemployment rates can drop because of difficult market conditions.

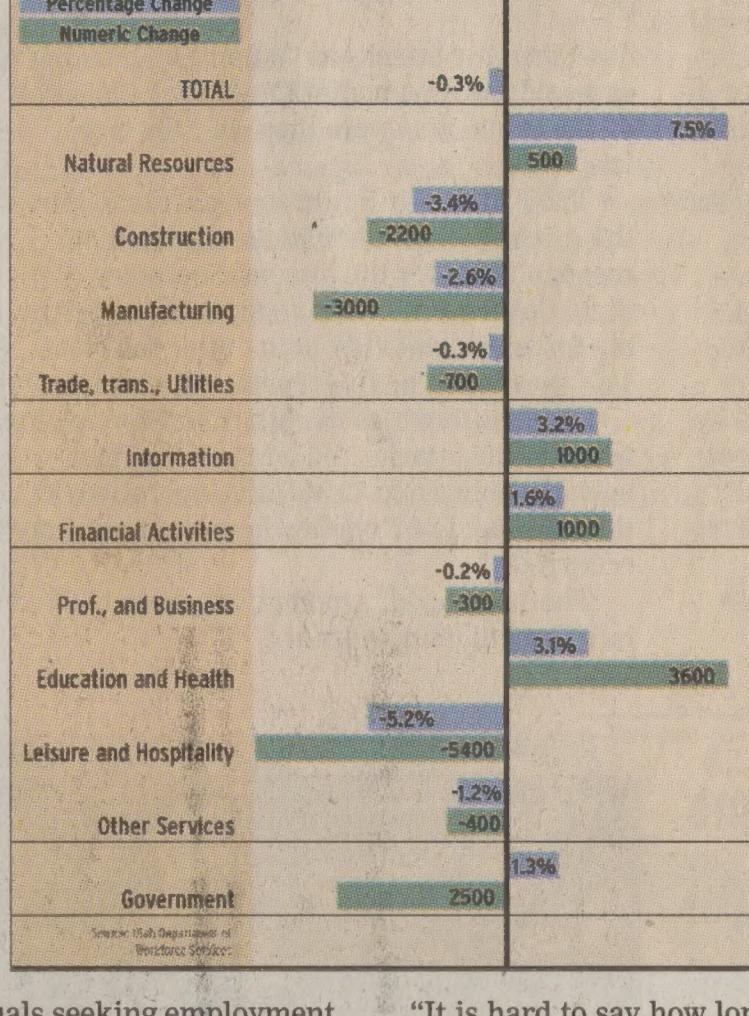
Unemployment statistics are calculated by dividing the number of unemployed individuals in the labor force by the total number of people in the labor force.

The labor force is defined as those individuals seeking employment.

If a worker grows discouraged and quits looking for work, Dickinson said, they are no longer counted as part of the labor force.

"A slight improvement could actually be a slight fall," he said. "If someone is discouraged, then they don't count in the statistics at all. You could always

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view the unemployment rate as a potential underestimate."

Robson said a variety of factors, including worker discouragement, have influenced unemployment rates and limited the effectiveness of the statistics as an economic indicator.

The disappearance of many of the part-time jobs created during the Salt Lake Olympics disguised the number of new jobs generated in Utah, Robson said.

Dickinson agreed that the Olympics briefly inflated the number of jobs available in Utah and attracted many new workers, but he said he did not know if Utah was still feeling the effects.

"It is hard to verify one way or another if the Olympics are a cause," Dickinson said.

In a normal year, DWS expects a net gain of 20,000 to 30,000 new jobs in Utah, Robson said.

The reason the number of jobs has not increased

is difficult to determine, he said, but the same fac-

tors tend to affect the number of jobs and the unemployment rate.

Another relevant factor is the war in Iraq.

Historically, war has improved the economy in the United States because the military action increases demand for certain goods and services, Robson said.

The speed of the war in Iraq prevented the typical demand from being generated, he said, but that does not mean the war has not influenced the economy.

"I don't know that reconstruction will affect Utah directly," he said. "But since the war has ended, oil prices have moderated and consumer confidence has improved. That is a plus for the Utah economy. Less spent on energy is more money in the economy."

Because finding a job is difficult, many people are willing to take a pay cut to find full-time work, said Susan Jorgensen, staffing manager at Intermountain Staffing Resources.

"People are actually willing to take just about anything now because there aren't as many jobs out there," Jorgensen said. "People are willing to take anything so that they can get food on the table."

Jorgensen offered a few tips for finding a job, especially while the economy is slow.

She said honesty is essential, despite the pressure to create an impressive resume.

Applicants must dress well for interviews, she said, and have an idea of what types of jobs appeal to them.

Jorgensen's No. 1 tip for finding a job is to be persistent and resourceful.

"Look, look hard," she said. "A lot of people just look in one place, and they say I can't find a job. Use everything you can, and you will find a job because they are out there."



Photo by Lisa Young

## It's all in the family

By MICHAEL JACKLIN

What do Barry Bonds, Cal Ripken Jr., Moises Alou and Barry Bowden have in common with Nathan Robison, a BYU track and field athlete?

Not a whole lot other than they were all coached by their fathers at one point in time.

At BYU, a father coaching his sons is nothing new. Dell Edwards coached a few of his sons, although they rarely saw playing time. BYU basketball is famous for the Ford brothers playing for their father, Roger. And BYU baseball coach Vance Law coaches his son, Tim.

No name at BYU, however, is more synonymous with a father than Robison is with track and field. Clarence Robison coached his son, Mark Robison, who has in turn coached his son, Nathan.

Clarence Robison began the tradition in 1949 when he became the Cougars' coach. He coached 18 conference championship teams during his 40 seasons as coach of the Cougars.

In 1970, his team tied for the national championship. He coached more than 20 All-Americans and 26 Olympians. Robison was inducted into the United States Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame last year.

He also coached his son, Mark.

"It was a special honor to coach my son," Robison said. "I always had a great desire. He wasn't the number one middle distance runner on the team, but he ran well. It is always an honor and a pleasure to coach your own son."

Mark Robison competed for his father in the late 1970s

and early 1980s.

"It was fun having my father coach me," Mark Robison said. "I was very disappointed that I didn't do better for him, but I loved having him coach me because my dad has always been one of my heroes."

Mark Robison took over as the head coach of the track and field team three years ago, after spending 12 years as an assistant coach for the Cougars. During his time as an assistant and now as the head coach, the team has won 13 indoor conference championships, including one this year, 12 outdoor championships and has coached nearly 20 All-Americans.

"Mark is a good coach," Clarence Robison said. "He has an excellent background. He spent lots of years training, so he knows the events. I am pleased with the success he has had."

Mark Robison said he owes a lot of his success to his father and the desire he gained from watching him coach.

"Because of him I chose to be involved in athletics and to coach track," Mark Robison said.

Nathan Robison is following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps at BYU. Nathan, a sophomore, was an indoor All-American in the mile.

"It is a thrill to have him on the team," Mark Robison said. "Sometimes I am in different roles. Sometimes I am his father. At other times I am his coach, and sometimes it is a combination."

Nathan knows he will always have at least one fan supporting him at each meet because his father gets to see him compete everywhere he goes.

## Y researchers work to decipher lost papyri

By AMY CHOATE

these researchers, including four BYU academics who are involved in deciphering the scrolls.

"We wanted to make sure to acknowledge the excellent work of the scholars who have been working to read and publish the scrolls in Naples for several decades," Julie Walker said.

Researchers from BYU joined the effort in 1999, armed with the aid of multi-spectral imaging technology, which produced immediate results.

With infrared technology, images not seen by the human eye were readily made visible. Scholars were immediately able to decipher scraps of papyrus that were thought to be blank.

The new KBYU documentary tells the story of the Herculaneum papyri from their discovery, to continued efforts today to learn what was written on those ancient scrolls.

The hour-long program will air on KBYU-TV at 9 p.m. on May 28 and at 8 p.m. on June 1. It will also air on BYU Television at 10 p.m. on May 17, at 9 p.m. on May 19 and at 9 a.m. on May 29.

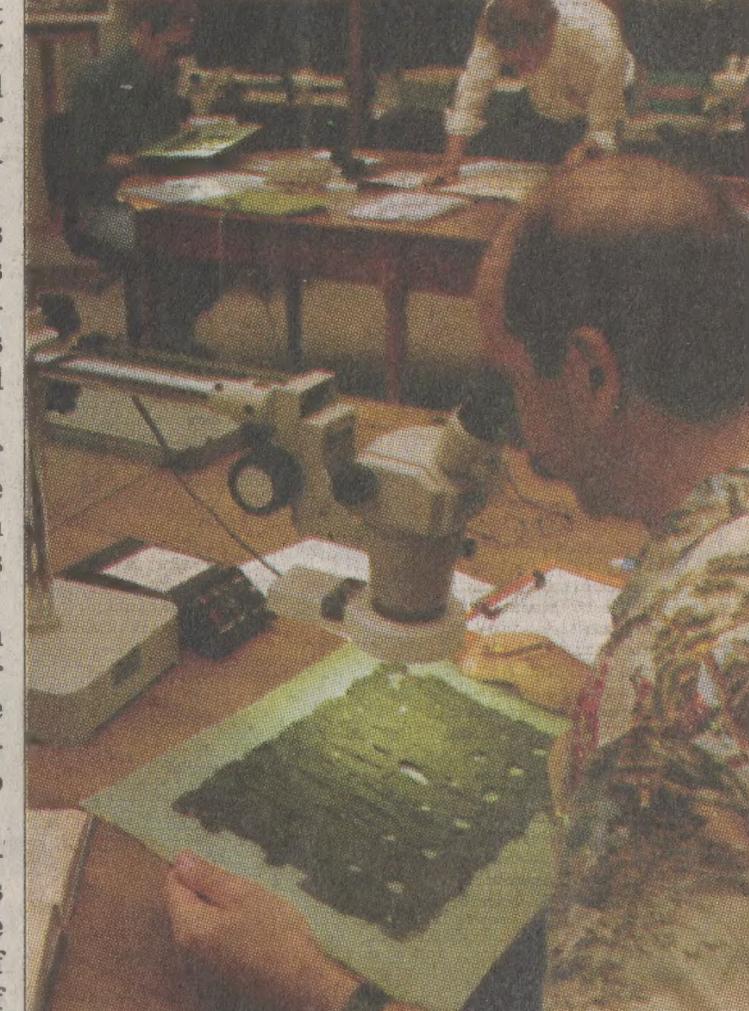


Photo by Mark Philbrick

Scholars read scroll fragments at the National Library.

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**THURSDAY**  
Partly cloudy  
High 72, low 50.

**CORRECTION**  
Monday's front-page article about former BYU student Nathan White said White's sister, Ana Mitchell, is a lecturer at BYU's Department of Dietetics and Food services. Mitchell works for BYU's Department of Nutrition and Food Science.

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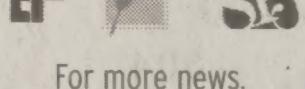
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## BRIEFING



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A Saudi security officer walks in front of a damaged building Tuesday after a suicide attack on a compound used by expatriates in Riyadh. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said the latest anti-Western attacks in the birthplace of Islam bore the stamp of al-Qaida and its leader.

## Death toll from Saudi suicide bombings reaches 29

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi authorities on Tuesday linked a 19-member al-Qaida team to carnage at three foreign compounds in the Saudi capital — multiple, simultaneous car bombings that killed at least 29 people, including seven Americans.

Nine attackers were among the dead. Another 194 people were wounded, most of them not seriously, according to Saudi officials; 40 were said to be Americans.

"These despicable acts were committed by killers whose only faith is hate, and the United States will find the killers, and they will learn the meaning of American justice," President Bush said.

In a statement posted on the Saudi Press Agency Web site, the Interior Ministry

described the attacks as "suicide operations" and said the nine bodies found in the location of the explosions were those of "the terrorists."

The FBI said it would send agents to join the investigation. Though no one claimed responsibility for the attacks, Secretary of State Colin Powell, who arrived in Saudi Arabia for an official visit hours after the blasts, said they had "the fingerprints of al-Qaida."

Saudi authorities made a direct connection between the attacks and a May 6 gunfight between police and 19 al-Qaida operatives in the same part of Riyadh where the bombings occurred.

The 19 escaped. Among them were 17 Saudis, a Yemeni, and an Iraqi.

## Iraq chief minister resigns

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The temporary Iraqi Health Ministry chief hand-picked by the United States resigned just 10 days into the job, after widespread protests for his close ties to Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, coalition radio announced Tuesday.

Dr. Ali Shanan al-Janabi had refused to renounce the party, the U.S.-controlled Voice of New Iraq radio station said, quoting the ministry.

The May 3 appointment of Al-Janabi — an optometrist who was the ministry's No. 3 man under Saddam — triggered protests by hundreds of doctors and pharmacists who marched last week to demand his removal.

Stephen Browning, senior adviser to the Health Ministry from the U.S. Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, had earlier praised al-Janabi, describing him as a "Baath party member who is not associated with criminal activities."

First in line for the government's money makeover is the \$20 bill, featuring Andrew Jackson. The \$20 bill is the most-counterfeited note in the United States and the second most-commonly used bill behind the \$1.

The Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which makes the nation's paper currency, debuted the new \$20 in a public showing Tuesday.

The most noticeable change in the bill is that it has colors other than the traditional green and black, which are still being used. The new \$20 has a subtle green, peach and blue tint featured in what was a neutral looking background on the old notes.

The image of Jackson appears slightly bigger because more of his neck and shoulders are in view and the border around his oval portrait on the old \$20 has been removed.

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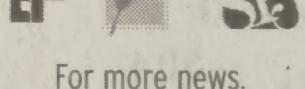
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Reuters

A Chinese military police wearing a protective mask gestures to stop taking pictures while guarding a government office Tuesday in Shanghai. Almost two-thirds of the world's cases of the flu-like SARS virus have occurred in China, where the government said 252 people have died and 5,013 have been infected.

## Cold drug fights SARS

BEIJING (AP) — Encouraged by falling infection rates, Chinese officials eased some SARS quarantine orders in the hard-hit capital, Beijing.

But the World Health Organization warned Tuesday the city might yet face a new upsurge and that its migrant workers were carrying the disease into the vulnerable countryside.

In Germany, a laboratory study suggested that an experimental drug targeted at the common cold could be modified to take on SARS.

China's official Xinhua news agency reported Tuesday that 10,000 Beijing residents were in isolation — down from a peak of about 16,000 last week.

China's Health Ministry reported 10 new SARS fatalities — half in Beijing — raising its death toll to 262. The total number of infections rose by 80 to 5,086.

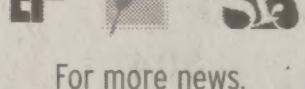
A WHO team said migrant workers have been carrying the virus from the capital.

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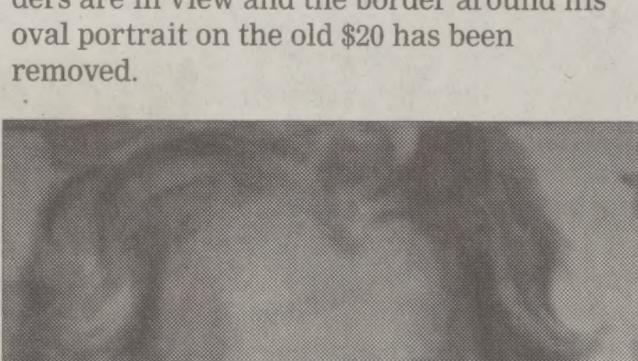
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# SARS outbreak forces church closures

Leaders maintain they are mainly trying to contain the spread of SARS in Beijing, especially in the branch.

After discovering a small outbreak of SARS, Chinese officials quarantined the Capital Mansion, the building complex where church meetings are usually held.

The quarantine came after two weeks of canceled meetings.

Church authorities did relax slightly at the beginning of May, deciding to allow small groups of 30-40 members to meet together and have short sacrament and worship services.

But, it has still been difficult for the members.

"People don't feel as inspired as before," Perkins said.

Perkins doesn't expect meetings to return to normal until the end of the summer, but said mem-

bers were remaining faithful and practicing their religion.

Branch leaders instructed worthy priesthood holders to bless and pass the sacrament to their individual families before the small groups were organized.

In one case, a Latvian woman, who is investigating the church, was able to attend those meetings.

The Higbee family has lived in Beijing for over a year and said they were pleased at how the church was able to continue to operate despite the outbreak.

The Ives family was also pleased with the decisions made by branch leaders. They said the canceled meetings gave them a chance to have unique spiritual experiences with their family.

But the SARS outbreak is causing more than canceled church meetings.

Prior to the quarantine, two members of the Church of Jesus Christ, living in Capital Mansion, boarded a plane back to the United States because of SARS, and they weren't the first to leave since the SARS outbreak.

In a letter to branch members on May 2, Perkins described how SARS has caused foreigners in the branch to leave the country.

"March membership of 235 will be down to about 175 people by mid-May — a 25 percent departure rate," Perkins said.

He also announced BYU Kennedy Center teachers, all service missionaries and most students had already left China.

Members are praying for a quick end to the epidemic, early this month, the Asia Area Presidency released a notice to church members.

# Students share stories of tornado scares

By EDMUND SMITH

As crews continue cleaning up the destruction left in the wake of tornadoes in the Midwest, Utah residents think about their own safety.

With the recent tornadoes touching down across the nation, many residents worry about the safety of those harmed and think back to the tornado that tore through Salt Lake City in August of 1999.

Members are praying for a quick end to the epidemic, early this month, the Asia Area Presidency released a notice to church members.

we take food in the basement in the event of a tornado."

Short of those few precautions, it seems that life functions as normal in Missouri.

For the residents of Missouri, tornadoes are something real and taken seriously, but life still must go on.

"I can remember having to go down into the basement three to four times a month for tornado warnings," McDavitt said.

The dangers associated with a tornado are great, but McDavitt said he feels safer at home than he would in California.

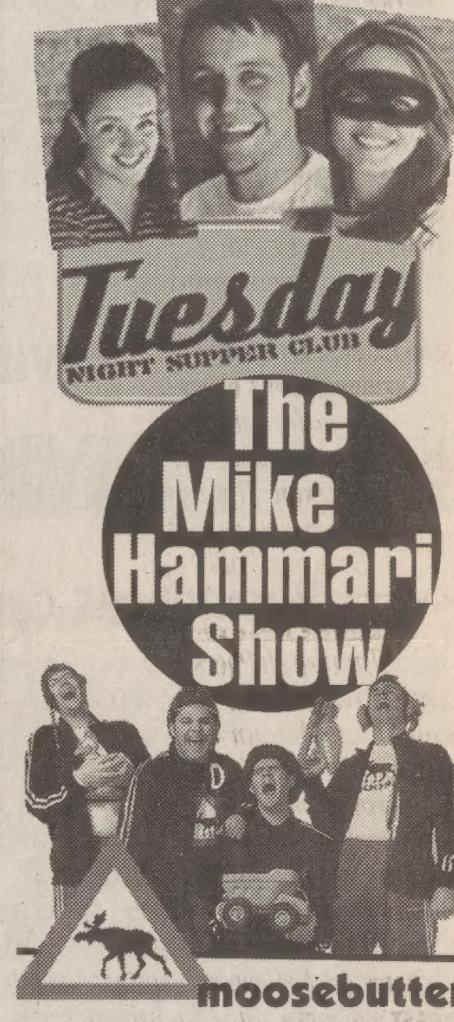
"I would feel more nervous going to California with the faults and possible earthquakes than to be in my home town in Missouri with possible tornadoes," McDavitt said.

Just as McDavitt might have reservations living in California, local Utah residents have reservations of tornadoes.

Leann Betts remembers her roommate was in downtown Salt Lake when the twister hit Salt Lake, blowing out the back window on her car.

Despite the close encounter her roommate had with the tornado, Betts is not too concerned about tornadoes and their dangers.

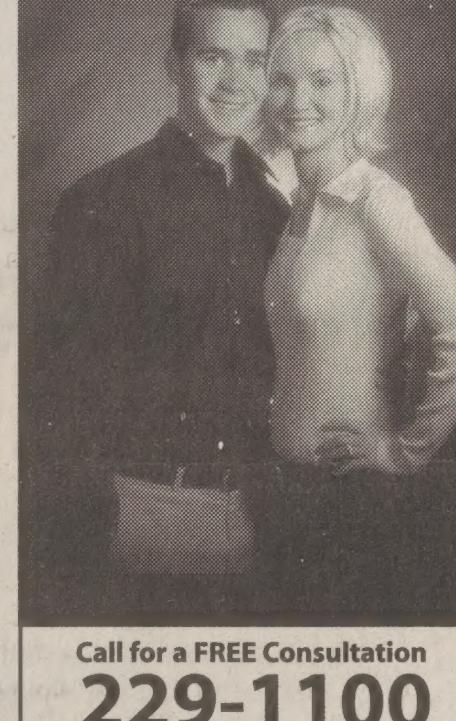
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## [ Editorial ]

## Better late than never

Congress approves money for roads after situation hits red alert

The state of Utah has finally started listening to the pleas of the motorists traveling on the roads in Utah County.

Gov. Mike Leavitt authorized a \$5 million environmental impact study Monday that will address the portion of Interstate 15 running through Utah County. The governor is acknowledging that the increasingly congested road is not just Utah County's problem it's the states. And he's trying to back that up with a little funding to get a solution under way.

Thanks, but you're a little late.

The impact study is scheduled to take at least three years, an important first step before any construction can get started. Within three years, according to traffic models from Mountainland Association of Governments, portions of I-15 in Utah County will already be "in failure."

The Utah State Legislature "helped" the travel situation out even more when they cut \$100 million from the Centennial Highway fund this year to help balance Utah's budget. Not only does this stonewall progress to build more lanes on the freeway, it made it so that they can't even cover debt payments on projects they've already built.

Planners are scrambling, trying to come up with a solution to drain the traffic off of the freeway, a portion that is considered one of the most congested stretches in the state.

According to a recent survey, Utah County residents are wholeheartedly supporting a proposal for a tax increase so that the county can afford a commuter rail and other transit alternatives. County commissioners are planning on putting it on the ballot this next year.

Once again, something they could have done a few years ago.

Salt Lake, Weber and Davis counties all put the issue to the ballots in 2000 and all three counties. All three counties approved the project and are on board for a commuter rail line scheduled to be up and running in 2007. Utah County is at least seven years behind.

U.S. Sen. Bob Bennett is pushing another solution to the problem with a toll booth lane, although how and why that would alleviate traffic concerns is yet to be seen. It might help if motorists had another route to take. But they don't, thanks to the foresight of the state's planners.

One thing is for certain: the government waited until the bleakest, last minute to decide to take action on the pressing matter.

Hopefully, they will at least use the environmental study to move forward on the matter, rather than wasting the money of the taxpayers who are already fed up and close to a standstill on the freeways.

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## VIEWPOINT

## BTTMLGWIGTM: not a typo

### Businesses can't hose me for free

By KYLE MONSON

I got a great idea last semester for a new column the whole student body could contribute to. I've been thinking about it for months; wistfully dreaming of the fun I'd have writing it every week.

The name of the column would be "Businesses That Treat Me Like Garbage When I Give Them Money" (BTTMLGWIGTM, for short).

It seems like I get new subjects for the column almost every day, and I'm willing to bet you could think of a couple yourself.

You know, the wireless phone service that "accidentally" overcharges you every month ("Whoops! Good thing you're locked into a contract!"), the auto insurance company that denies every claim or says it was an act of God, the computer repair company that doesn't fix the problem but charges you anyway, the gym membership you'll have until your death, whether or not you ever go to the gym.

Ring a bell? I thought so.

Now, let me say right now that I'm not a tough customer. I avoid confrontation like West Nile virus, so I don't like having to stick up for myself every time someone tries to take me to the cleaners.

Secondly, I'm a trusting guy who assumes people aren't out to hose me. I often don't even realize I've been hosed until my not-so-trusting wife points it out.

Thirdly, I'm a very busy guy, and I don't have time to track down every con man who rips me off disguised as a cable company, or an apartment manager, or whatever.

So, I choose my battles, and more often than not, I lose and the bad business wins. What am I going to do, take them to court?

We had a discussion in my media ethics class recently in which we discussed the question "Do nice guys finish last?" More and more, I'm beginning to think they do. That businesses prey on weak little weenies like me who don't demand to speak to the manager of everyone they come in contact with.

So I've got two solutions, and I'll let you vote on which one to do (kind of like American Idol, but without all the quality music).

Solution number one: I'll write my BTTMLGWIGTM column, naming one business by name every week. Lawsuits against me won't work, because I'll be totally truthful and won't embellish the facts at all. Readers can support the column by submitting nominations and boycotting the winners! Think of the havoc we can wreak on the cheaters and liars.

Solution number two involves a lot less lawyers. We (in the abstract sense) issue a green "good business" sticker to every business in Provo. They put the sticker in a prominent place outside their door.

Here's the deal: we leave the sticker there until the business rips one of us off. Whoever gets ripped off simply goes outside and removes the sticker. Within a few weeks, we'll all know which businesses to go to, and they'll do their darnedest to avoid arousing our anger.

I'd be a perfect world...

### Dance team dazzles

While visiting Provo, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending the BYU Ballroom Dance Concert. It was a most glorious and beautiful production that words can not adequately express. But, if one were to try to use words one might say, "Amazing, incredible, fabulous, thrilling, exciting, sensational and magnificent!"

FLOYD AND KATHY MURPHY  
BYU alumni  
Morgan Hill, CA

### Producer corrections

Thank you for your article (May 5, 2003) on our documentary film "The Eleventh Hour," which tells the stories of many black members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Because of the sensitive nature of the film's subject matter, there were several inaccuracies in the article which we feel a strong need to correct.

The article states that "the trailer is being used at firesides and film festivals to promote funding for the remaining production of the film." This is not accurate. A preliminary trailer for the film has been shown, but not in firesides for the purpose of raising money. We do not believe it is appropriate to use chapels or church services for fundraising, not even for a nonprofit venture such as our film. We have only approached private individuals for funding and we have never asked for financial support over the pulpit.

Also, although Elder Packer gave a relevant talk in 1978, "The Eleventh Hour" was inspired by the words of Elder Bruce R. McConkie. We do not plan to quote Elder Packer in the film, and we do not wish to imply any endorsement of the film from Elder Packer or from any other of the LDS General Authorities.

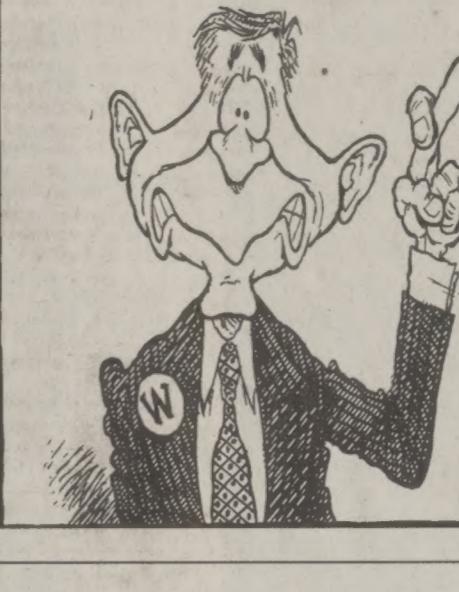
Also, the sole director of "The Eleventh Hour" is Richard Dutcher, and the producers of the film are Robert Foster and Wayne Lee, under the nonprofit production banner of The Edification Foundation.

ROBERT FOSTER  
Producer

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### ECONOMY



## [ Readers' Forum ]

### SL center easy 'A's

To all of you chumps who haven't figured it out yet, the road to easy GE classes goes straight through the BYU Salt Lake Center. It's even easier than high school. The irony is, that at the Salt Lake Center the majority of the students drive from Provo. Basically, we choose to substitute the 2 hours of homework that a BYU Provo class would require for an hour drive each way once a week, accompanied by our favorite tunes or radio station.

My question is: why the hassle of making all of these poor BYU students go so far for easy A's? It just doesn't make sense. We need to bring the easy classes to the students who want and need them. I think we need to open a Provo Branch of the BYU Salt Lake Center. It could be off-campus somewhere so that it remains separate and so that the easy part-time teachers/faculty will still feel comfortable there. Most importantly, the convenient and close Provo locale would make easy A's much more accessible for the current patrons of the Salt Lake branch that presently have to drive so far.

The only trouble is, the Salt Lake Center might have to shut down because it won't have any students left, except for the three or four that actually live in SLC.

TYLER FOSTER  
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### Teacher trash talk

"I only get paid to teach 23 students, and I make it a policy not to work for free," was the response I never expected upon asking a professor why he didn't add any more students to his class. Needless to say, my respect for this man dramatically decreased in that instant.

He went on to explain that it wasn't the lectures that made the difference, but the papers which he had to grade.

Well, Sir, if that is the problem, I would gladly grade my own papers. Homework could be scored in no time flat and I would even enter it into your computer; I wouldn't want to overwork you.

I wonder why this particular professor decided to teach? Listen buddy, If you are in it for the money, try getting involved in some Florida real-estate deals. I hope that this attitude is in fact limited to this single self-concerned individual, and no one else in the faculty.

For a tuition-paying student it was certainly a slap in the face to hear that I was not a profitable investment. It is time that this particular professor re-evaluate why he decided to teach at BYU.

IAN BOWLES  
Boring, Ore.

### Vegetarianism OK

"You're not living the Word of Wisdom!" Those are the words which were yelled at me in the Wilkinson Center. Those are the words which make this letter necessary. I simply would like to clear up a very common misconception among many students here at BYU: Vegetarianism is NOT against the Word of Wisdom. Yes, our loving Heavenly Father did create animals for our use, but "only in times of famine and excess of hunger" (D&C 89). We are so blessed in these days. Few people living in the U.S. today are experiencing either of those stipulations, so let's do something about it. Let's show our gratitude for these blessings.

Why don't we stop brutally raising God's innocent creations to satisfy our carnal passions for meat?

Bradley Burgoyne  
Queens, NY

### HOLD UP

## Rationalizing in the year of 'The Matrix'

By CHRIS SEIFERT

Newsweek has dubbed this "the year of 'The Matrix.'"

I'm calling it the year of rationalization.

A few months ago, I happened to be sharing a room with a bunch of Sunday School-going, temple-recommend-holding, non-caffinated-beverage-drinking do-gooders when one of the first previews for this summer's "The Matrix Reloaded" flashed onto the television screen.

A hushed reverence fell over the crowd as we found ourselves bombarded by rapid-fire shots of Keanu Reeves pummeling a bunch of guys who all looked eerily similar to Elrond from "The Lord of the Rings."

Perhaps it was then I realized there seems to be a strange line of thinking in some corners of the Latter-day Saint community when it comes to this particular sci-fi movie franchise. That line of thought is this: The first "Matrix" movie was only rated R for violence, which isn't really that bad for you anyway, so it might as well have been rated PG-13.

More than a few of these do-gooders types used this very thinking to justify their attendance of the first "Matrix" movie, despite the rather unsightly rating.

Sadly, many of these people are about to do the same with the second and third "Matrix" movies.

The shameless self-deception surrounding "The Matrix" is so bad I've even heard some people swear up and down the movie was never even rated R at all. And the sequels, they insisted definitely won't be.

Well, friends, think again. This time around, the R rating is bigger and fatter and more deserved than ever. Not only do we get to ignore the "inconsequential" violence and profanity in part two, but "Matrix" creators Larry and Andy Wachowski have thrown in "some sexuality" for good measure.

For those of you wanting to dismiss me as a Pharisaical bigot, well, you're probably right. I grew up in a house hold where — I know this may be an impossible concept for some of you — any movie rated worse than PG was off limits.

To be honest, this was not a rule I necessarily cared for in my youth. I sometimes felt left on the periphery of the oh-so-important world of popular culture. I was certain my parents were too old-fashioned for their or my own good.

When I came to BYU, I left the teachings of my "goodly parents" behind and began watching the dreaded PG-13 flicks anyway. Actually, I still do.

Movies are a temptation for me because I love film and storytelling, but at the same time, it's funny how your parents grow in wisdom as you grow in stature.

If it's not appropriate for kids, my parents always said, "it's probably not appropriate for grownups either."

Well, I'm not a parent, but as much as it pains me to admit it, mine were probably right.

Maybe a little violence isn't going to kill us or throw our spiritual well-being into complete and utter disrepair, but don't we have to draw our proverbial line in the sand somewhere? And isn't it better to err on the side of caution when it comes to the entertainment that gets tattooed to our brains?

OK, yes, I'm pretty sure I've earned the bigot label with my remarks, so here's a confession: I saw the first "Matrix" movie — in all its Cleanflick glory.

And despite some admittedly cool special effects, it wasn't even a very good movie. I mean, does anybody else have a hard time taking Keanu Reeves seriously as the savior of mankind?

So just know I'll be saving my pennies this weekend. You see, "Finding Nemo" hits theaters on May 30.

### Scripture

Of the Day

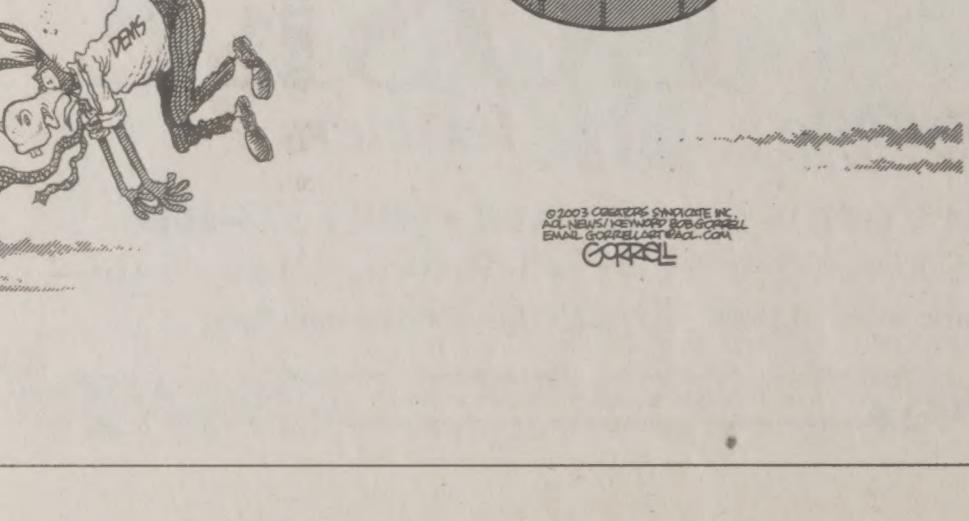
"But this is not all; ye must pour out your souls in your closets, and your secret places, and in your wilderness. Yeah, and when you do not cry unto the Lord, let your hearts be full, drawn out in prayer unto him also for the welfare of those who are around you."

ALMA 34: 26-27



Izana Tovar

Tovar, 23, a senior from Indiantown, Fla., majoring in marriage family and human development, likes this scripture because "It reminds me of the importance of prayer, for me and for helping others."



## Bills' two winners lift in win

By NICK KOLDITZ

Junior outfielder Kevin and Tuesday's baseball against Southern Utah with four hits in 30 at-bats. Only one of those was a double, went for extra bases. It brought his power to Tuesday's 13-2 BYU game, two home runs over the field fence, including a home run in the fifth inning. Dug the night, two-for-six RBIs.

"I'm just relaxed," Bills said. "There's a lot of pressure on me to finish off my mission. I don't want to lose now."

He was the last home game for BYU. In the game, five Cougar seniors were honored for their contributions: Jason Garcia, Dabo, first baseman, left fielder, and catcher Mike Jones. Four of the five started the ball game.

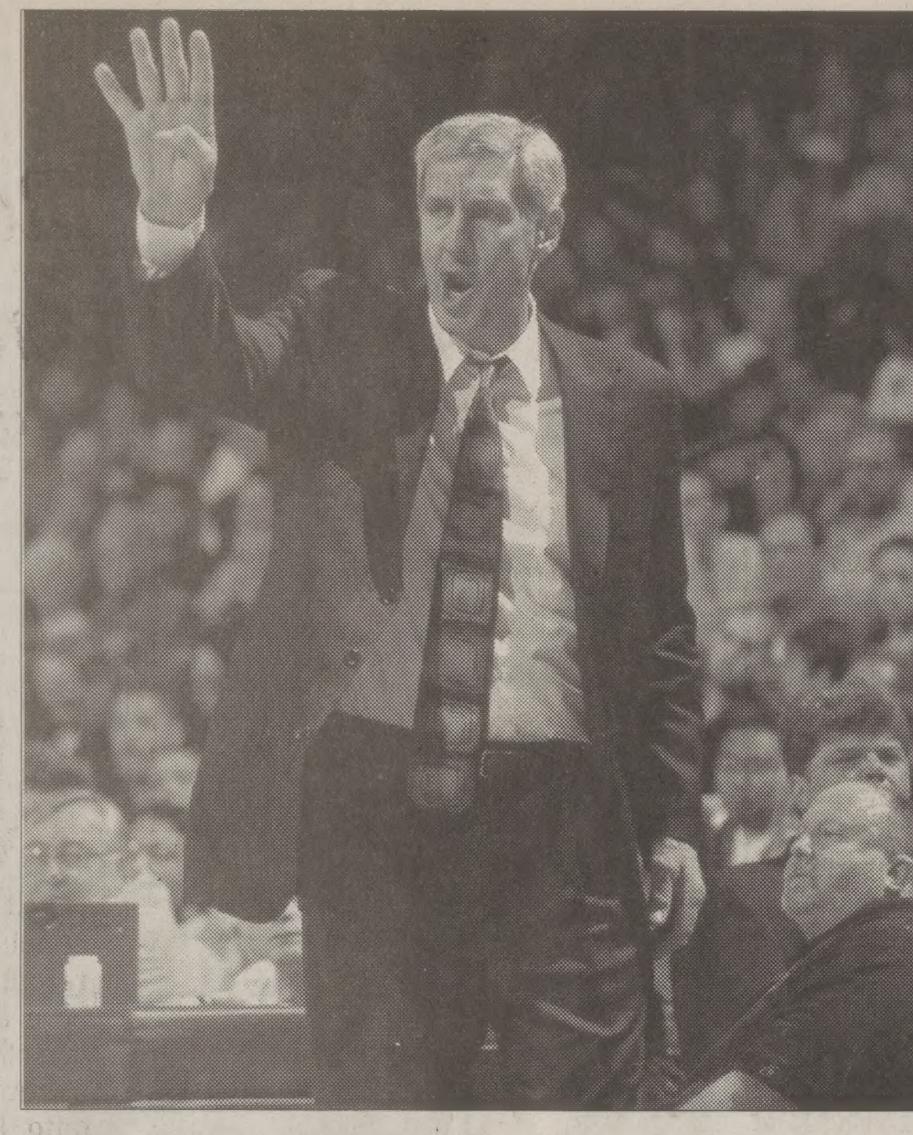
"I'm going to miss them," said coach Vance Law. "You're close with these guys." 1-4) picked up his first win of the season, pitching five innings. He gave up one hit.

Cougars tied the game at 1-1 after Stubblefield's first of two doubles scored on a wild pitch. With the second of his first home run of the year, in the fourth inning, he scored. The home run put him up 4-1.

He was scored in the lead by the Cougars, led by a single and a double. Tied three more runs again. The win on a three-run home run by big-hitter Clayton Carson. After the game, the Cougars finished the regular season at Air Force with a 10-10 record.

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## Sloan returns

By LEGRAN D. AKANA

Utah Jazz head coach Jerry Sloan announced Tuesday he would return for the 2003-04 season.

"We've got to do everything in our power as a coaching staff to go forth with the situation at hand for the Jazz," Sloan said.

"Now we have to make the best out of our loss with Stockton, overcome it and make team chemistry work for us."

Sloan signed a two-year contract with the Jazz along with a three-year pending agreement.

After assuming the reins from former Utah head coach Frank Layden in December, 1988, Sloan has 15 seasons of head coaching experience under his belt.

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a .631 record. Sloan holds the 10th most wins of all-time with an 875-521 record.

Sloan is Utah's most winning coach with a record of 775 wins and 511 losses.

"Hopefully we get guys that are willing to work hard for us," Sloan said. "John Stockton cannot just be replaced. As Stockton did with players in the past, we need someone to issue a step up for the team."

While commenting on the coaching staff for the 2003-04 season, Sloan said the coaching staff will remain the same, but a brief adjustment in various coaching approaches will have to be determined due to the change of team they will be dealing with.

"Hopefully we'll prove to be competitive," Sloan said. "I think the bottom line is that we need to put out the players that will make us a better ball club."

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## Stingers' error results in 3 loss to River Cats

By KYLE HINES

In the fourth inning, Adam Riggs scored on a Rob Quinlan single to right field. Quinlan's RBI moved the score to 3-2, but the Stingers answered with a run in the bottom of the fifth.

Then in the seventh, Chone Figgins and Alfredo Amezaga started the inning with back-to-back singles. Figgins later scored on a Riggs' sacrifice fly.

Amezaga's hit extended his league-leading hitting streak to 21 games.

The Stingers finished the game by stranding three runners in scoring position in the final three innings.

Sacramento reliever Joe Valentine was nearly flawless, as he gave up just one hit and struck out four, on the way to recording his second save of the season.

The Stingers' loss came after last night's heartbreak 7-8, 10th-inning defeat.

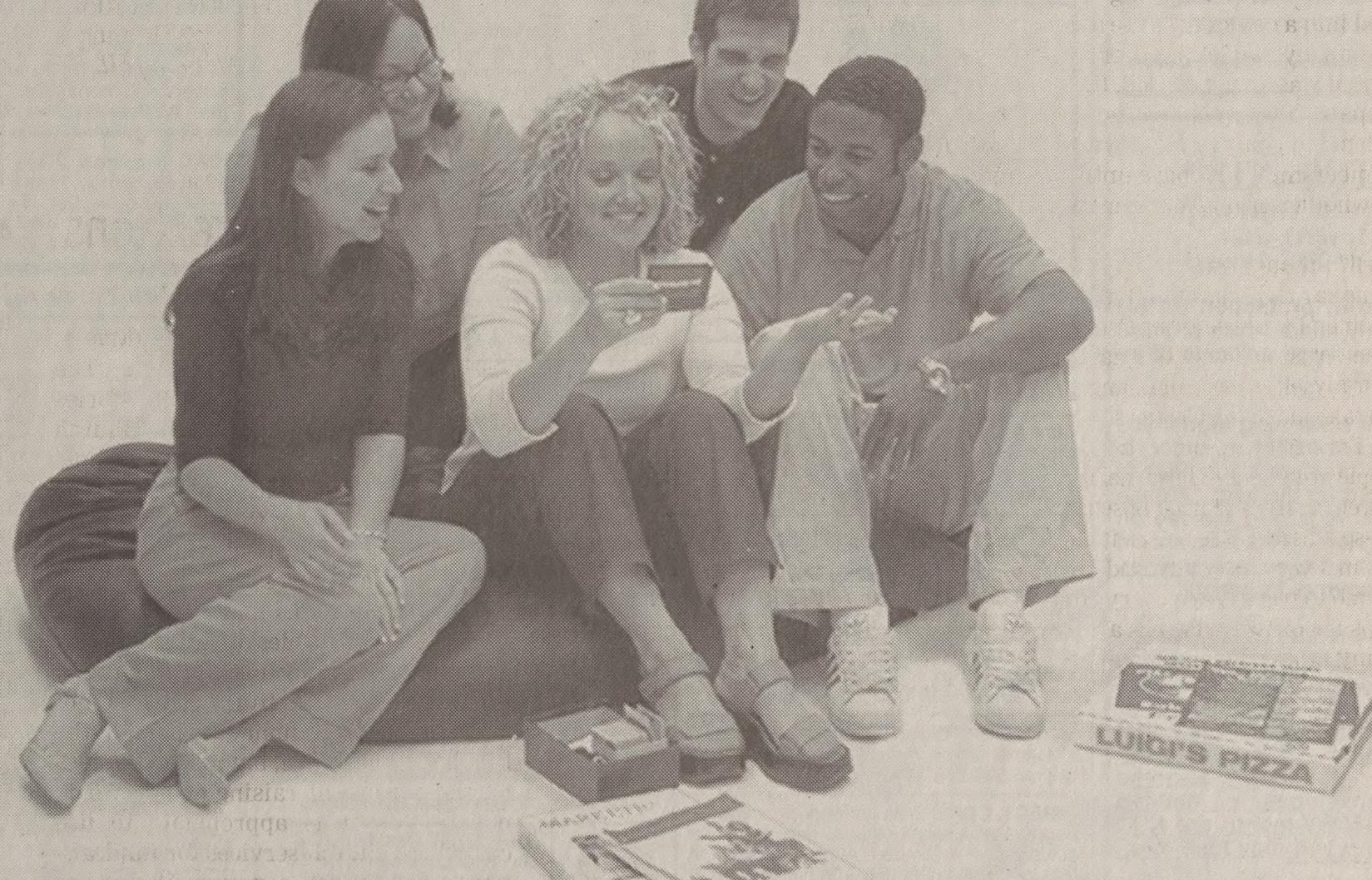
The Stingers will look to improve on its current record of 14-23 when the Las Vegas 51's come to town with its league-leading record of 27-11.

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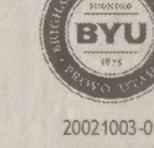
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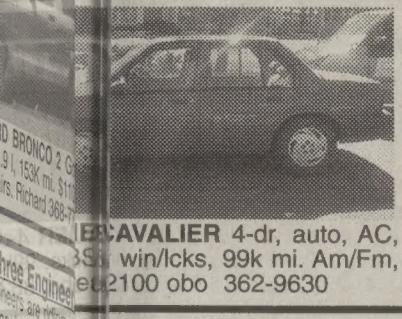
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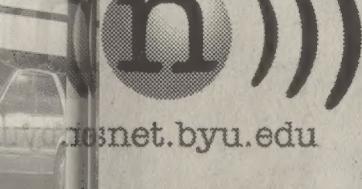


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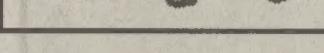


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Delicate Arch at sunrise. The hike to Delicate Arch is 1.5 miles and is one of the must-sees of Arches National Park. The park was established in 1971 and is home to over 90 natural arches.

Photo by Morgan Van Wagoner

# Arches: Park for the early bird

By Morgan Van Wagoner

**I**t may be the only situation that qualifies 5 a.m. as an appropriate hour to rise. The hike to Delicate Arch is just longer than 1 mile, and involves climbing uphill over the vast slabs of slickrock that cover the landscape of eastern Utah. The hike requires a flashlight if it is done early enough to beat the sun, but the reward is worth any danger risked by hiking in the dark: Sunrise at Utah's greatest natural wonder and Delicate Arch all to yourself for a glorious chance to contemplate the true meaning of life.

And seeing the arch in person is much better than seeing it on a license plate.

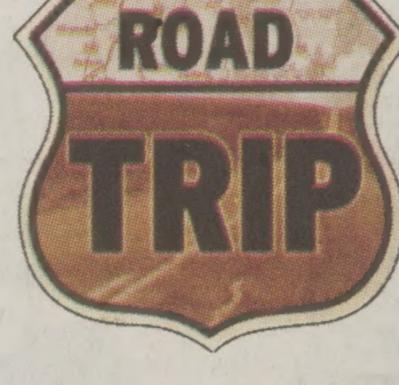
## Camping

Arches has one campground, which is located at the far end of the park. It has 52 sites, but the campground fills by 9 a.m. April through October. The park established a sign up system for sites at the entrance station, so the only way to get a site is to arrive at the park entrance by 7:30 a.m. to compete for openings.

If early arrival is out of the question, Moab is only 5 miles south and offers a wide variety of lodging. Information about hotels and campgrounds is available online at moab-utah.com.

The Bureau of Land Management has primitive campgrounds just off of U.S. Highway 191 along the Green River. blm.gov/utah/moab/camp\_chart.html

**Climbing**  
Rock climbing is allowed in Arches, though U.S. Geological Survey identified arches and rocks are off limits. Climbing in the park does not require a special permit unless the trip requires an overnight stay in the backcountry. The park



requests that climbers use chalk that blends with the natural rock color. Information about route closures is available at the Visitor's Center.

**Hiking**  
Most trails in Arches provide amazing views for very little work. Sand Dune

Arch offers shade from the hot afternoon sun. Fiery Furnace also furnishes protection from the desert heat, but hiking in the area requires a fee and permit.

Devils Garden is home to eight of the park's 19 identified arches, including Landscape Arch, the world's second largest natural span in the world at 290 feet long.

**Nighttime activities**  
Ranger hosted programs are offered nightly at the Devil's

Garden Amphitheater. Stargazing through Double Arch is a great finale to a day in Arches. Two massive arches emerge from a sandstone fin to create a protected basin perfect for late night relaxation.

## Backpacking

The park offers very little backcountry, as most of the park is accessible by car. Backpacking permits cost \$5 and can be obtained at the Visitor's Center.

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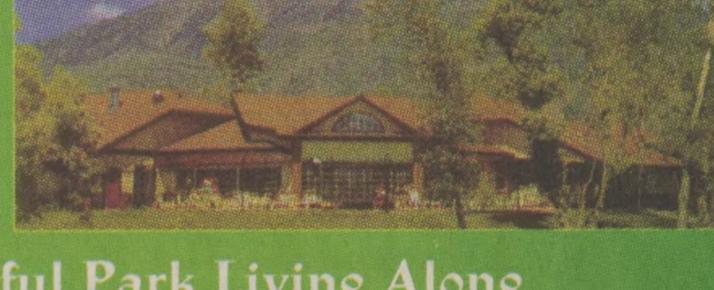
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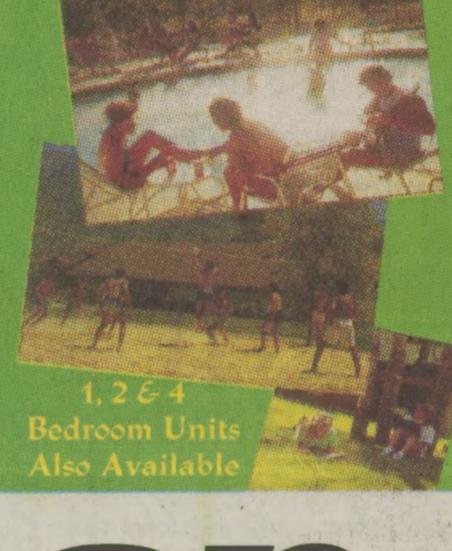
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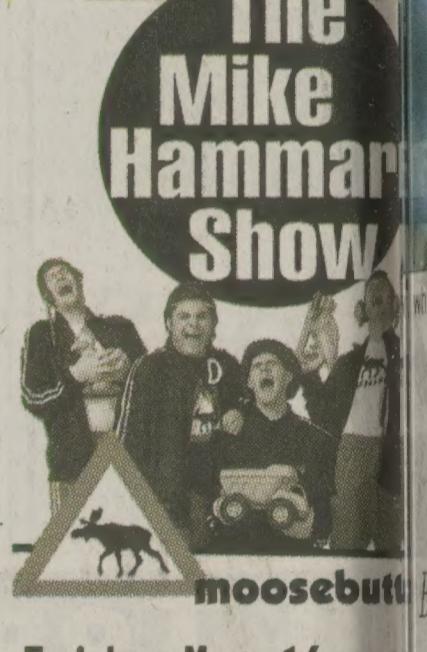
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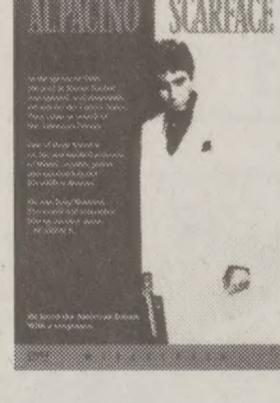
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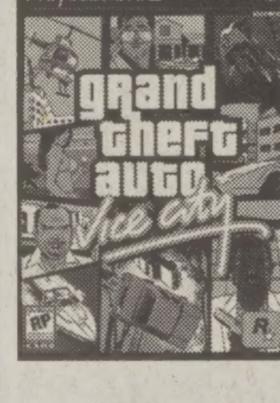
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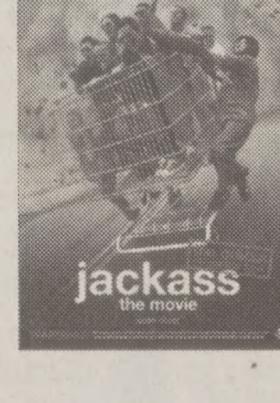
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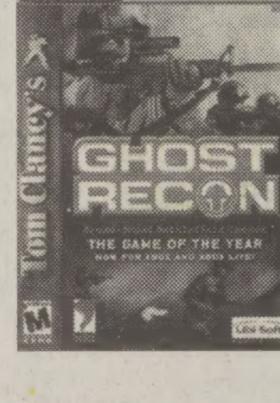
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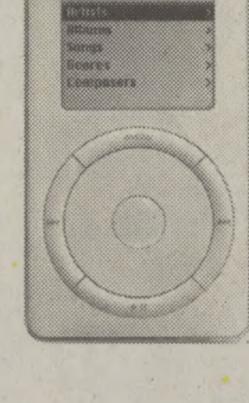
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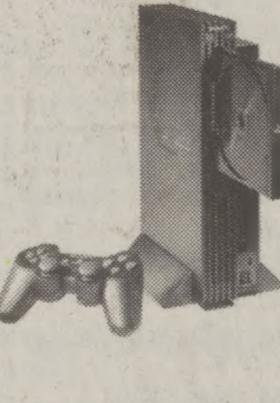
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